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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer and I oppose the changes the FCC is considering to limit competition between our local companies who provide broadband services. The basis of fair consumer services is competition, and without this our "customer level" services are jeopardized with what will become lack of competition, and therefore limitless increases in costs for consumers.

A growing trend in America is decreasing competition, and therefore price increases that are choking the average American consumer with increases out of proportion to services rendered. Recent articles have described how up to 40% of American families struggle to meet their basic needs. With this in mind, please, please, do not allow the larger companies to squeeze the public with lack of competition. This is critically important in the smaller communities that make up the backbone of our Country.

Sincerely,

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